IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
SWS/Back River Neck Road, SEC
of E. Homberg Avenue
100 Back River Neck Road
15th Election District
7th Councilmanic District
Exxon Corporation, Petitioner

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 99-152-SPH

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing for the property located at 100 Back River Neck Road in the eastern section of Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by the Exxon Corporation, property owner. Special Hearing relief is requested to approve an extension of a special exception previously approved in case No. 97-168-SPHXA on November 22, 1996. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Special Hearing.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Julie Wright, Esquire, on behalf of Exxon Corporation, Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

At the hearing, Ms. Wright offered a copy of the opinion previously issued by me in case No. 97-168-SPHXA. A review of that opinion shows that special exception, special hearing and variance relief were granted in case 97-168-SPHXA for the subject property on November 22, 1996. Specifically, special exception relief was approved to allow a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store and fast food restaurant. Special Hearing relief was requested to amend the previously approved site plan in case No. 66-43-X. Three variances as to parking requirements were also granted.

At the hearing on the instant case, Ms. Wright proffered that the proposed improvement to the property had not, as yet, been implemented. Therefore, in order to maintain the special exception approval previously

ONDER PRICEWED FOR PLING Date of Hong Parks granted, the subject Petition for Special Hearing was filed.

As noted above, there were no Protestants at the hearing and a favorable comment was issued from the Office of Planning. It is clear that there have been no changes to the property or neighborhood which would warrant a decision other than that entered in case No. 97-168-SPHXA on November 22, 1996. That is, it is appropriate that relief be granted so that the property can be modernized and upgraded as previously proposed. It is also to be noted that the terms and conditions of the previous order be continued in full force and effect. In this regard, a small change is made to the plan by way of a spirit and intent letter submitted by the Petitioner on March 24, 1998. By way of a reply from the Department of Permits and Development Management dated April 22, 1998, the updated plan was approved. Thus, the plan offered at the hearing before me, containing those changes, shall be approved.

Last, it is to be noted that the Order previously issued in case No. 97-168-SPHXA provided special exception approval for a period of two years. That Order was dated November 22, 1996. The Petition for Special Hearing requesting an extension was filed on October 9, 1998, before the lapse of the approval. Additionally, the public hearing and this Order was issued on November 23, 1998. November 22, 1998 was a Sunday, thus, pursuant to the Maryland Rules of Procedure, which are adopted by the zoning regulations, this Order timely provides an extension to that approval.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

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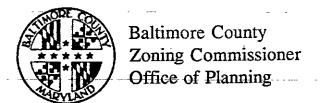
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 23rd day of November 1998 that, pursuant to the Petition for Spe-

cial Hearing, approval for an extension of a special exception previously approved in case No. 97-168-SPHXA on November 22, 1996, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE É. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:mmn



Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

December 7, 1998

Julie Wright, Esquire
David K. Gildea, Esquire
Whiteford, Taylor and Preston LLP
210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 99-152-SPH Property:100 Back River Neck Road Exxon Corp., Petitioner

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, with restriction, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Very truly yours

Kawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

LES:mmn att.



# Petition for Special Hearing

# to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

100 Back River Neck Road

which is presently zoned

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

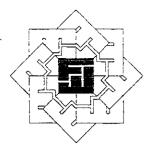
Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

t, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and

Pursuant to BCZR Section 502.3 an extension of the Special Exception approved in case number 97-168-SPHXA (Order dated November 22, 1996.)

	(We do solemnly deciare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are t legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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# FREDERICK WARD ASSOCIATES, INC.

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#### ZONING DESCRIPTION

100 Back River Neck Road Fifteenth Election District Baltimore County, Maryland

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the southwesterly right-of-way line of Back River Neck Road, 60' wide, at its intersection with the southeasterly right-of-way of East Homberg Avenue, 60' wide. Thence binding on Back River Neck Road

- 1) South 31°30'31" East 135.28 feet. Thence leaving Back River Neck Road
- 2) South 55°21'24" West 170.40 feet
- 3) North 36°42'51" West 50.82 feet
- 4) North 31°30'31" West 98.77 feet to intersect the southeasterly right-of-way line of East Homberg Avenue, 60' wide. Thence binding on East Homberg Avenue
  - 5) North 55°08'39" East 160.05 feet
  - 6) South 78°10'56" East 20.58 feet to the point of beginning hereof.

CONTAINING 25975 square feet (0.5963 acre) of land more or less.



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## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 111 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

CASE NUMBER: 99-152-5PH

PETITIONER/DEVELOPER: () Exxon CoRP.

DATE OF HEARING/GLOSING: () 1/- 23-98

ATTENTION: MS. GWENDOLYN STEPHENS

#### LADIES AND GENTLMEN:

THIS LETTER IS TO CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

THAT THE NECESSARY SIGN (S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED

CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT,

100 BACK RIVER NECK ROAD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21221

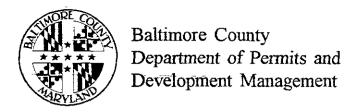
THE SIGN (S) WERE POSTED ON, 11-6-98 BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

SINCERELY,

THOMAS P. OGLE SR. 325 NICHOLSON RD. BALTIMORE MD. 21221

(410) 687-8405

(410) 687-4381 (FAX)



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

October 9, 1998

David K. Gildea, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Gildea:

RE: Drop-Off Petition, 100 Back River Neck Road, Zoning Case 99-152-SPH

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. Once a detailed review has been completed by the staff, those comments will be forwarded to you (hopefully before the hearing).

As Baltimore County is no longer responsible for posting properties, I have enclosed the proper form pertaining to this. The sign must contain the wording indicated on the "Zoning Notice" form and the certificate of posting must be completed by the poster and returned to this office.

If you have any questions regarding the sign posting, please do not hesitate to contact Sophia Jennings at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor Zoning Review

WCR:scj

**Enclosures** 

Request for Zoning: Variance, Special Exception, or Special Hearing				
Date to be Posted: Anytime before but no later than				
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Please forward billing to:

David K. Gildea, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 410-832-2000

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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

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100 Back River Neck Road
SW/S Back River Neck Road, SEC of East Homberg Avenue
15<sup>th</sup> Election District – 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: Exxon Corporation

<u>Special Hearing</u> to approve an extension of the special exception approved in case number 97-168-SPHXA.

HEARING: Monday, November 23, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts

Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

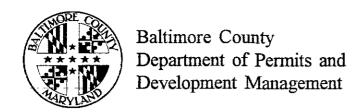
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ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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October 21, 1998

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Arnold Jablon Director

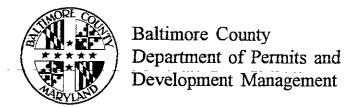
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NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY NOVEMBER 8, 1998.

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(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



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November 20, 1998

David K. Gildea, Esq. Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP 210 W. Pennsylvania avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Item No.: 152

> > Case No.: 99-152-SPH

Location: 100 Back River Neck

Road

Dear Mr. Gildea:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM), on October 9, 1998.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists representatives from several Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

Zoning Review

WCR:ggs

Enclosures



Parris N. Glendening Governor

David L. Winstead Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 10. 20. 9 V

Ms. Gwen Stephens Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

**Baltimore County** 

Item No.

WCR

Dear. Ms Stephens:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

J. J. Gradh

/ Michael M. Lenhart, Acting Chief Engineering Access Permits Division



Office of the Fire Marshal 700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 (410)887-4880

October 29, 1998

Arnold Jablon, Director
Zoning Administration and Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 1998

Item No.: 140, 151 AND (152) Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

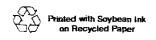
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1994 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: November 9, 1998

Department of Permits and

Development Managemen

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

100 Back River Neck Road

**INFORMATION:** 

**Item Number:** 

152

Petitioner:

Exxon Corporation

**Zoning:** 

**BL-AS** 

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

#### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The approved plan in Case 97-168-SPHXA indicated that the ingress/egress point on E. Homberg Street would be closed, and additional landscaping would be provided. The Office of Planning supports the instant case provided that the above-mentioned site matters are continued as part of this subsequent request.

Section Chief: Jeffry W. Loy

AFK/IL:

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: October 28, 1998

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief Bureau of Developer's Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for October 26, 1998

Item Nos. 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, (152), & 160

The Bureau of Developer's Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

MCP

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley Roser Permits and Development Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committees

Meeting Date: 10/12

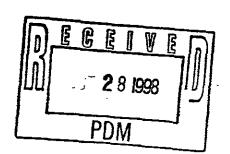
The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no Comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING 100 Back River Neck Road, SW/S Back River Neck	*	BEFORE THE
Rd, SEC of E. Homberg Ave, 15th Election District, 7th Councilmanic	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
	*	FOR
Legal Owners: Exxon Corp.	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioner(s)	*	Case Number: 99-152-SPH

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates of other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

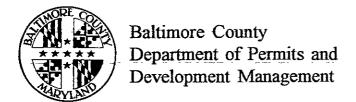
400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of October, 1998, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David K. Gildea, Esq., Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

April 22, 1998

Mr. David K. Gildea Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston L.L.P. 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204-4515

RE: Zoning Verification
Exxon Station
100 Back River Neck Road
Zoning Case #97-168-SPHXA
15th Election District

Dear Mr. Gildea:

This letter confirms that, as requested in your correspondence of March 24 and 30, 1998, your plan changes for the above site, as approved by the Office of Planning and Community Conservation (OPCC) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) on April 14, 1998, are more in keeping with Section 405.4 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) and are approved by this office as more in keeping plan changes per Section 405.6.

Please document this approval on all future plans.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

John L. Lewis
Planner II
Zoning Review

JLL:ch

c: zoning case #97-168-SPHXA

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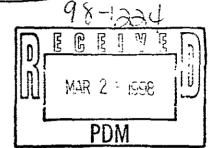
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March 24, 1998

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Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Department of Permits and Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: **Spirit and Intent Request**

> > Exxon station at 100 Back River Neck Road

Case No.: 97-168-SPHXA Our File No.: 02951/00039

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Exxon Corporation, by and through its attorneys, David K. Gildea and Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, hereby requests a revision of the previously approved Plan within the spirit and intent of case number 97-168-SPHXA.

On November 22, 1996, Zoning Commissioner Lawrence E. Schmidt granted a Special Exception to permit a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store and a fast food restaurant. I have attached a copy of Zoning Commissioner Schmidt's Opinion and Order for your review. On November 15, 1996, the DRC determined that the proposed development should be granted a Limited Exemption pursuant to Baltimore County Code Section 26-171(a)(7) (See attached letter).

Exxon proposes to revise the previously approved Special Exception Plan to modify the convenience store and the canopy, as well as landscaping. The proposed changes are to better serve the general public. I have attached three copies of the proposed red-lined Plan for your review.

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Differor March 24, 1998 Page 2

The proposed revisions to this site are within the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations are the previously approved Plan in case number 97-168-SPHXA, and Exxon respectfully requests that the revisions be approved within the spirit and intent of that case.

I have enclosed this firm's check in the amount of \$40.00 for the review fee. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

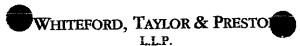
David K. Gildea

DKG:bhb Enclosures

CC: Mr. Robert Caserta (w/out enclosures)

Mr. Timothy F. Whittie (w/out enclosures)

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> JULIE D. WRIGHT DIRECT NUMBER 410 832-2084 iwright@wtplaw.com

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December 21, 1998

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner **Baltimore County Zoning Office** County Courts Building, 4th Floor 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Exxon Corporation; Back River Neck Road Site; Case No: 99-152-SPH Re:

Dear Zoning Commissioner Schmidt:

By Order dated November 23, 1998, you approved a Petition for Special Hearing (Case No. 99-152-SPH) requesting an extension of a special exception previously approved in Case No. 97-168-SPHXA. The Order issued in Case No. 99-152-SPH inadvertently omits reference to the specific length of the period of time for the utilization of the previously approved special exception. Pursuant to § 502.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), a special exception may be extended for a period not exceeding five years from the date of the final order granting same. In the instant case, the final order granting the special exception for the above-referenced site was issued on November 22, 1996. Accordingly, under the BCZR provisions, the period of time for the utilization of the subject special exception may be extended to November 22, 2001.

In light of the inadvertent omission in the Order issued in Case No. 99-152-SPH, Exxon Corporation, Petitioner, respectfully requests clarification that the period of time for extending the special exception approved in Case No.: 97-168-SPHXA, and extended by Order dated November 23, 1998, has been extended to November 22, 2001; (2) that said clarification be effective upon your signature on the line provided herein below; and (3) that said clarification be incorporated into and made a part of the Order dated November 23, 1998, issued in Case No. 99-152-SPH.

Pursuant to the Petitioner's request, the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County hereby clarifies that the period of time for the utilization of the special exception approved in Case No. 97-168-SPHXA and extended by the Order issued in Case No. 99/152-SPH, is extended to November 22, 2001.

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, \*
SPECIAL EXCEPTION & ZONING VARIANCE

SW/S Back River Neck Road, SEC

of East Homberg Avenue 100 Back River Neck Road 15th Election District

7th Councilmanic District

Exxon Corporation

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 97-168-SPHXA

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# FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Zoning Variance all for the property located at 100 Back River Neck Road. The Petitions are filed by the Exxon Corporation, property owner. Special Exception relief is requested for approval of a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store and fast food restaurant. Special Hearing relief is requested to amend the previously approved zoning plan in case No. 66-43X. Three variances are also requested. They are:

- 1. Section 405.4.A.2.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a five foot landscape transition area in lieu of the required ten foot along Back River Neck Road, five ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the require 10 ft. along East Homberg Avenue, a 7.5 ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the required 15 ft. along the public alley, and a 6 ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the required 15 ft. along the south property line;
- 2. Section 409.4.A of the BCZR to permit a 12 ft. driveway in lieu of the required 20 ft. driveway;
- 3. Section 409.6.A.2 of the BCZR to permit 15 parking spaces in lieu of the required 22 parking spaces for a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store and fast food restaurant.

The subject property and requested relief is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was Shelley LePlatt, on behalf of the Exxon Corporation. Also present was Timothy Whittle from Frederick Ward Associates, Inc., the consultants which prepared the site plan. David K. Gildea, Esquire appeared on behalf of the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

This is another in a series of cases filed by this Petitioner relating to renovation and upgrade of service stations maintained by the Exxon Corporation in Baltimore County. As shown on the site plan, the subject property is a rectangularly shaped parcel located adjacent to the intersection of Back River Neck Road and East Homberg Avenue in eastern Baltimore County. The property is approximately .84 acres in gross area, zoned B.L.-A.S. Presently the site is improved with an Exxon Service Station. Improvements on the site include several pump islands and a 3 bay service garage building. The balance of the site is paved with vehicular access from both East Homberg Avenue and Back River Neck Road.

Consistent with Exxon's corporate plans and strategy, a renovation of the site is proposed. The specifics of the proposed construction are shown on the site. Particularly, the Petitioner propose removing the existing bays from the building. In its place, the building will be renovated and an additional area for a Tiger Mart convenience store added. Moreover, the balance of the site will be improved to provide better vehicular access to the site and an enhanced area of landscaping. The Petitioner proposes a significant amount of buffering and landscaping to the rear of the site, which will screen the use from residences across a public alley which runs along the rear of the property line.





Mr. Gildea, on behalf of the Petitioner, proffered that Exxon has worked closely with the Office of Planning to develop an appropriate renovation plan. That office supports the proposal, particularly the increased landscaping scheme. Moreover, one of the entrances from East Homberg Avenue will be closed to promote a safer and better traffic flow. For these reasons, the Office of Planning endorses the Petitioner's plan.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, all of which was uncontradicted, I am persuaded to grant the Petition for Special Exception. In my judgment, the proposal easily complies with the requirements of Section 502.1 of the BCZR. It is clear that not only will the renovation of the site not be detrimental to the surrounding locale, but that same will actually constitute an improvement. The redevelopment of this site will provide a more attractive and less intrusive business to the residences which are nearby. Thus, the Petitions for Special Exception and Special Hearing should be granted.

The design of the proposal as shown on the site plan mandates the requested variances. As noted above, the renovation of this site is comprehensive and strict adherence to the setback and parking requirements is not possible. Although the plan requires variance relief, its overall development is far superior to existing conditions. In my judgment, the Petition for Variance should be granted. I am satisfied that the Petitioner has met the burden set forth in Section 307 of the BCZR as construed by the case law.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this day of November, 1996, that, pursuant to the Petition for

Special Exception, approval to allow a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval for an amendment of the previously approved site plan in case No. 66-43-X, be and is hereby GRANTED: and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 405.4.A.2.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a five foot landscape transition area in lieu of the required ten foot along Back River Neck Road, five ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the require 10 ft. along East Homberg Avenue, a 7.5 ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the required 15 ft. along the public alley, and a 6 ft. landscape transition area in lieu of the required 15 ft. along the south property line, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 409.4.A of the BCZR to permit a 12 ft. driveway in lieu of the required 20 ft. driveway, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 409.6.A.2 of the BCZR to permit 15 parking spaces in lieu of the required 22 parking spaces for a fuel service station use in combination with a convenience store and fast food restaurant, be and are hereby GRANTED, subject, however to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

